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Mr. Lee M. Thomas
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Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Your letter, dated 30 September 1988, to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency regarding voluntary compliance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (also referred to as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act) has been referred to me for response.

I am pleased to advise that the Central Intelligence Agency has initiated actions to implement provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, although no formal policy has been issued to date. The current status is reflected in the enclosure which is in response to your Enclosure 3.

The CIA Headquarters Compound is listed in the Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket as a small quantity generator of hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Section 3010. Our hazardous waste activities are a part of public record and kept to a minimum.

Additional concerns or questions on this matter may be directed to [redacted] Chief, Safety Division, Office of Medical Services, at [redacted]

Please be assured that the protection of citizens, as well as our employees, from the hazards of chemicals is a matter of great interest to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Gary E. Foster
Director of Medical Services

Enclosure

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT, TITLE III PROGRAM

1. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) will issue guidance on the policies under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986. At this time, no formal policy is available.

2. The Safety Division, Office of Medical Services, is the directed focal point for the policies under this program. The Division is in the process of determining the quantities of "extremely hazardous substances" at each facility. The number of facilities this entails is classified, but the information will be disseminated through appropriate channels. All local county emergency response personnel are familiar with the Headquarters Compound and with substances used there.

3. No local emergency planning committee has yet been established. A list of facility coordinators will be provided to the Office of Federal Programs, EPA, when completed.

4. The Safety Division, Office of Medical Services, reports "releases" of all hazardous substances to the following local and state officials:

Fairfax County Water, Department of Public Works
Lower Potomac/Blue Plains Treatment Facility
550-9740, ext 252

Fairfax County Air Pollution Control Board
246-5544

VA State Water Control Board,
Northern Regional Office
Alexandria, VA
750-9111

VA State Air Pollution Control Board,
Northern Regional Office
Springfield, VA
644-0311

All appropriate permits and operating functions are registered with these officials. A recent underground gasoline tank leak was reported to all those noted above.

5. The listing of MSDS on the Headquarters Compound will not be distributed to local emergency response personnel, but rather a completed volume of these sheets (approximately 2,500) are "housed" within the Agency's Security Duty Office. This office is a 24-hour operation and will be the focal point for any emergency response personnel entering the compound. At that time, all MSDSs will be available.

6. The Compound does not manufacture, import or process the listed substances; however, we do use more than 10,000 pounds of such chemicals as isopropyl alcohol and blanket wash (solvent mixture) within one calendar year. These two products are stored in one month supplies requirements of approximately two 55 gallon drums. If toxic releases are experienced by the CIA, the appropriate local and state officials listed above will be notified.